

## W. LEE GASTON.

### CITY CLERK AND AUDITOR OF THIS CITY

Makes Some Very Serious  
Charges Against the  
Mayor

And Three of the Council-  
men of This Large And  
Enterprising City.

#### A Card.

Tombstone, July 25, 1885.

Various complaints have come to my ears from different officers of the city as well as knowledge gained from my own observations, and also complaints from citizens of the city, I deem it my duty to bring the following charges against W. S. Gaston the present incumbent of the Auditor's office.

First—An indifference and lack of interest in the duties assigned to him and in some cases an utter neglect of those duties.

Second—The law requires that additions and changes in assessed valuation of property made by the Board of Equalization shall be entered upon the assessment roll by the Auditor, and a correct footing of the same be made by him, and that his certificate shall be appended to the roll. I find that none of these duties have been performed although the Auditor's attention has been repeatedly called to the same. Taxes are now delinquent and in many instances where there has been a willingness to pay, the Tax Collector has justly refused to receive the same on account of the unfinished condition of the roll. Also the uncollected taxes remaining upon the roll when turned over to the Tax Collector should be charged to him upon the Auditor's books, that being the only check upon the Tax Collector in the performance of his duties; this has also been neglected, and would in fact be impossible, unless the aforesaid footing and corrections were made.

Third—The Tax Collector has been delayed and forced to neglect his duty in the collection of license taxes on account of the refusal of the Auditor to sign such blanks as he required, although frequently implored to do so.

Fourth—Four committee appointed to examine the books of the late Treasurer, F. W. Hatch, found it necessary to refer to the Auditor's books as a check on the accounts of the treasurer. The work of the investigation was much delayed on account of the Auditor's books not being written up for about two months.

Fifth—Numerous complaints have been made to me by citizens of the city having business to transact with the Auditor's office, that the doors were closed to the public, that they could neither gain admission to the office or find the Auditor, although visiting the office repeatedly and at different times of the day. Also that during office hours, the Auditor may generally be found gambling, playing cards or engaged in some game for his own amusement about the city.

As Mayor of the city I deem it my duty to bring these charges, and would suggest that so important an office in the city government, should be filled by competent and reliable man.

[Signed], C. N. THOMAS, Mayor.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

We the Committee of City Council of the City of Tombstone, find the said charges and specifications are partly true and would recommend a stricter attention to business during business hours, and would recommend business hours established for all city officials.

[Signed], JOHN P. RAFFERTY,  
DAVID COHN,  
R. S. KNIGHT.

On the 23th day of July, 1885, the Mayor of Tombstone, Charles N. Thomas saw fit to prefer the above charges against me as City Auditor. These charges were referred to a committee of three, consisting of Messrs Rafferty, Knight and Cohen, with instructions to investigate and report at next meeting. Three days after this the committee met in my office, and the evidence of D. A. O'Connor and C. N. Thomas was heard, which evidence I have almost verbatim, reduced to writing.

On that examination Mr. Thomas sought to have me denied the right to cross-examine him. In his evidence which I will produce he proved himself a liar. Since that investigation and up to the present time that committee has failed to report although I have called upon them frequently to do so and there have been five council meetings during that time.

The report of that committee when finally made appears above. A Scotch verdict, "Not proven." I asked the committee to specify in their report just what part of the charges they found true. This they refused to do.

As they refuse to do me justice in this matter I shall ask Messrs. Thomas, Rafferty and Knight to explain a few things in reference to their official acts as guardians of the city which with their explanations if any they have may prove of interest to the taxpayers of Tombstone.

First—How it was that the members of the board of equalization of 1885 had their warrants for services cashed at par?

Second—What was the reason that T. M. Enper, city assessor, was given preferred warrants on both general and salary funds for his services and why he was allowed a greater compensation than the law directs?

Third—By whose authority J. E. Palmer was allowed to raise the amount of a bill for expert services from forty to sixty dollars and what was the additional twenty dollars used for?

Fourth—By what authority did the board of equalization for the present fiscal year 1886 (with the exception of Mr. David Cohn) draw in their own favor warrants to the amount of \$50 each on the salary fund when the law does not allow them one cent?

Fifth—Why John P. Rafferty has never been compelled to pay a city license tax for twelve months for carrying on the saloon business in said city?

Sixth—Why R. S. Knight has never been compelled to pay rent for the building on Fourth street known as the old Hook and Ladder house for the time it was occupied by him and used as a butcher shop.

Seventh—Why H. G. Howe was allowed \$175.00 for four days work surveying the City Water works property at Waterville, and by whose negligence J. H. Swazee, et al. were allowed to jump and hold one of the best wells on the property.

In addition to the above it might be interesting to the citizens of Tombstone if they would look over the records of the common council for the past eighteen months and see in how many instances the people's money has been misappropriated and illegally squandered.

In conclusion should any of those gentlemen feel themselves aggrieved or injured by this card, I will state to them that they can hold me personally responsible for any statement I have made and I will at any time be at their service should they desire satisfaction.

Tombstone, August 15th, 1885.

Very Respectfully,

W. L. GASTON  
City Auditor.

#### Silver City Stables.

The new stable recently erected by Nels Warrington on Sixth & Allen streets is a credit to this city. On entering the stable one finds a large entrance and on each side a repository for carriages, proceeding to the rear of this entrance you find in the same floor stalls for 16 horses all nicely arranged and well ventilated. From this floor you descend to the basement where there are stalls for 22 horses, and wash rooms, and places for storing grain. The horses in this stable are the best in Arizona, as is the rolling stock.

Mr. Warrington, who is now in Silver City, is expected to arrive in this city in a few days with the stock of his stables from that city, and will give a street parade showing to the public his entire livery stock.

#### Alaska Items.

The following was copied from a letter just received by H. J. Wollacott from a friend in San Francisco: "Alaska is looming up as a new Eldorado. Steamers are going up loaded with passengers. The last brought down over one hundred thousand dollars in gold dust. The next will bring down two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in gold dust, all from one mine and mill near Juneau city."

The government will not permit one drop of whisky to enter Alaska, or any other kind of liquor. Even ale and porter cannot enter; and yet there are in Juneau city twenty-two saloons, and all doing a rushing business. So much for prohibition."—Los Angeles Herald.

#### County Court.

HON. WEBSTER STREET, County Judge A. O. WALLACE, Clerk.  
A. T. Jones vs. F. W. Smith et al. Defendants granted until Monday next to prepare statement on motion for new trial.

J. D. Rouse vs. Gee Wah. Dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

M. J. Bell vs. Pasquale Negro. Tried before the Court and judgment rendered for the plaintiff.

Clifford et al vs. Larien. Plaintiffs allowed to amend by making additional parties plaintiff. Case on hearing before the Court as to the amount of water necessary for use of plaintiffs, etc.

#### Public Warning.

All persons are hereby notified not to purchase a certain note purporting to be secured by mining and other considerations, at Banning's Station, County of Cochise, Territory of Arizona, and dated about July 1st, 1884, and supposed to be in the possession of A. Fortibus or Cadwell & Stanford of Tombstone, as the same is void for want of consideration.  
W. F. BANNING,  
BANNING'S STATION, AUG. 11, 1885.

## CITY LOCALS.

### THAT ARE PROCURED EVERY DAY FOR THE

Benefit of Our Numerous  
Subscribers, Who Al-  
ways Look For

"The Daily Tombstone"  
When They Want To  
Learn The News.

Don't fail to attend the races to-morrow. The races at Dilling's Park to-morrow will be the event of the season.

There will be a big crowd at the races to-morrow.

Read the mammoth circus advertisement which appears on the first page of this issue.

Read the new advertisement of Conner & Davis of the Pioneer market, which appears in another column.

All parties who are desirous of entering anything in the Territorial Fair, can see the premium list by calling at this office.

Suit was commenced in the County Court today by Goodrich & Smith, attorneys for the plaintiff in which Clara Coghlan seeks a divorce from Thos. F. Coghlan.

Three prisoners, Carter, Morgan and Smith, were released from the penitentiary this week.

Arizona has watermelons. Green and Apple in the market. The latter, however, are mighty hard to procure, "by hook or by Crook."—Journal of Commerce.

Territorial Treasurer Butler has received the Insane Asylum bonds—100, each, of \$1,000. They are well executed evidences. They run twenty years and draw 7 per cent interest.

More ore is being shipped to Colorado Smelters from Mohave county at Kingman than any other locality in Arizona, and as a result she is attracting many capitalists who wish to make investments.

An investigation has shown the Prescott court house tower to be seven inches out of plumb and the roof timbers on which it rests to be giving way. Immediate repairs are being made.

Sheriff Crawford has arrested in Silver City, Jesus Perez, who is under indictment in this county for assaulting Judge Sias about two years.—Clifton Clarion.

"I say, boss," groaned an old darky who had broken his leg and was huddled rather unceremoniously into an ambulance, "yo may not believe it, but it hurts a culud man less as much ter git his leg broke as it do a white man."

Purge out the lurking distemper that undermines health, and constitutional vigor will return. Those who suffer from an enfeebled and disordered state of the system, should take Ayer's Sarsaparilla to cleanse the blood and restore vitality.

Col. C. C. Bean met with a serious accident and one which came near proving fatal in Cataract Canyon by being thrown from a bucking mule. He had a narrow escape from being thrown 400 feet down the precipitous walls of the canyon. As it was he sustained serious bruises to his face and head.—Journal.

Many forget that the hair and scalp need cleansing. Extensive use of Ayer's Hair Vigor has proven that it is the best cleansing agent for the hair—that it prevents and removes dandruff, cools and soothes the scalp, and stimulates the hair to renewed growth.

With Geronimo and his followers dead, a North and South railroad running through the counties of Yavapai, Maricopa, Pinal, Pima, Cochise and perhaps, Gila; Capitol buildings in Prescott, Insane Asylum at Phoenix, University at Tucson, a Mint at Tombstone, an Agricultural college at Florence and new men at the head of Federal affairs, here, Arizona will be on the high road to Statehood.—Miner.

Phoenix will have another new paper in a few days. The old El Mercurio office will be put to use by a newspaper man from Los Angeles for a morning paper to be called the Territorial Chronicle. This makes the fifth attempt to establish another newspaper in Phoenix in two years and each preceding time the "long felt want" seemed to be unattainable to fill the capacity of the new office.—Gazette.

A California stockman states that he has tried the following remedy and knows it to be a sure cure for blackleg. Others that have tried it corroborate his experience. It is as follows: "Equal parts of sulphur, saltpetre, garlic, saffordia and lard, beaten up together and made into balls about the size of a large buckshot, one introduced into the side of the neck of each animal, by making a small opening in the hide and loosening it downward from the incision thus forming a small pocket in which the ball of paste is thrust." We know nothing of the remedy ourselves but as it is given as a sure cure it is worth a trial.

Don't forget to purchase a ticket to the Zither concert on Sunday evening at the city hall.

Mr. Alfred Rosen, agent for the wholesale clothing house of J. Well & Co., New York, arrived in this city last evening. Mr. Rosen is a very courteous gentleman.

The board of police commissioners met this afternoon at 2 o'clock, to select a successor to Officer Ryan. Chief of Police Coyle, nominated Mr. Clapcy, and eight ballots were taken the board not confirming the nomination.

The attention of the health officer is directed to the yards in the rear of Sol Israel's, L. Schoenfeld's and the Fountain restaurant. The stench arising from the amount of debris dumped there is sickening and should be removed by the owners of the property. It is simply intolerable.

Many of the residents of North Clifton are at present suffering from an epidemic fever of the malarial type. Two deaths have already occurred from it, with a probability of others following, as there is scarcely a house but has one or more of its inmates effected. This condition of affairs is attributed to an undoubtedly caused by the great quantity of stagnant water, with its attendant rank vegetation, which is allowed to collect in and around the old ditch Messrs. Russell, Fraissinet and McCormick have made an examination of this fever breeding hole, and have concluded that the best method of abating the nuisance is to thoroughly cleanse the ditch and surroundings and keep it in that condition by a system of drainage. Work will be commenced immediately, and when completed we feel certain our citizens will again enjoy their usual good health.—Clifton Clarion.

One of the most fortunate incidents that occurred in connection with the tour of the Mexican editors, through this country, happened right at the threshold of their own country as they were returning home. They fell into the hands of the Cerberus of the Mexican custom house, and he worried them till all the sweetness had gone out of their tempers. He refused to let the presents and souvenirs they obtained in the United States go through his custom house without the payment of heavy duties. In vain they raved and stormed and swore and said that they were the opinion moulders of the land of God and Liberty. Finally Cerberus consented that the gifts should be packed in a freight car and shipped through to the city of Mexico, where Diaz himself might determine the momentous question. The incident is fortunate because it is a revelation to the most influential class in Mexico of the clumsy, tyrannical and rascally methods that largely prevail in the Mexican custom houses, and may lead to a much-needed reform.—Albuquerque Journal.

A paragraph has been lately published in leading papers of the country stating that Denver, Colorado, had been "stricken with sudden paralysis; business stagnant, residences and business houses tenanted by the hundred, with vast amounts of money invested in them worse than sunk." Many inquiries from the East have followed this paragraph, and therefore for the correct information of those interested, the Denver Chamber of Commerce states that the story is a fabrication. It was originated by a journal at a Missouri river city, which conceives itself a rival of Denver, and that its own prosperity depends on pulling down that of others; the story has no other foundation. The census of 1885 shows the population of Denver to have increased 60 per cent since 1880. The Recorder's records show the warranty deeds for July, 1885, to exceed in number and value any other July but 1882, when the railroads purchased much property for their improvements. Business men show an increase of trade each year. Real estate men have a less number of vacant houses than is usual in mid-summer. The smelting works have enlarged their plants this year. Two hundred and fifty building permits have been issued. The banks show larger deposits, and greater cash resources than ever before, with one exception. In general, while Denver is not "booming" it is steadily improving.

#### County Records.

The following instruments have been filed in the office of the County Recorder:

Charles Langpap to Oliver Trevillian, lease of certain real estate in Tombstone, for the period of 99 years, \$130.

#### AFFIDAVIT.

Of E. L. Tidwell in taking 3 stray cows and 1 stray yearling steer, in Wilcox.

#### Social Dance.

Mr. Harmon, proprietor of the Casino gardens, announces a social dance at his place next Saturday evening, August 15, and desires us to state that none but respectable people will be admitted to the gardens. For those desiring to attend, a free carriage will be run to take them to and from their homes. The admission for a gentleman and ladies has been placed at the low price of fifty cents. Leave orders at the Casino gardens or at the Silver City stables for the carriage.

## READABLE GEMS

### THAT CAN BE DIGESTED EVERY SUNDAY

By Those who Have Not Got  
Time To Read The Same  
Tonight

County Records—Pay Locals  
And A Variety Of Other  
News.

We are in receipt of a neatly printed prospectus of the Second Annual Exposition of Arizona, which commences October 18 and ends October 17, at Phoenix.

A great many of our citizens have signified their intention of attending the either concert of Prof. Trauner at the City Hall to-morrow evening. Those who fail to attend will miss a treat.

One of our citizens to-day offered to pay us the amount we received for advertising two local notices of Ayer's Agree Cure, and his renewal if we would not publish them, for the reason that he got interested.

The zither concert to be given by Professor Trauner on Sunday evening, promises to be a musical treat. All lovers of fine music should attend. Admission only 50 cents, children 25 cents.

The Professor fairly makes the zither talk.

Thos. Dussal, Lordeburg; H. T. Redfield, E. E. Wilson, Benson; E. G. Norton, Jose M. Elias, San Pedro; J. A. Hall, A. L. Rosen, New York, are registered at the Occidental hotel.

To-morrow evening the nuptials of Mr. W. D. Gashorn to Miss Adella Lamb, will be solemnized at the residence of Mrs. Herrick, at Waterville. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. David McFawn.

The card of W. L. Gaston which appears in another column, calls the attention of members of the council to some very serious charges. The columns of THE TOMBSONE are open to any of the gentlemen interested to reply if they see fit.

The attention of the Health officer is called to the condition of the yard in the rear of the Grand Hotel property. The stench that arises from that neighborhood is horrible and if not attended to at once will cause a great deal of sickness and perhaps death.

Mr. E. Storms will arrive in Benson to-morrow morning with a carload of mixed and thoroughbred bulls from Missouri. Any party wishing to purchase one or more of these fine bulls, will have an opportunity to do so by applying to Mr. Storms or at the Occidental Hotel.

Professor Trauner, who is now in this city, is said to be the greatest zitherist of the age. The instrument on which he plays, was presented to him by the late Emperor of Russia, who ordered it to be constructed under the artist's direction. Under the magic touch of Prof. Trauner, his zither conjures into life the poet of that remote antiquity which originated the crude, yet prophetic possibilities of this instrument. The press everywhere speaks in the highest terms of the Professor. He will give a performance in this city on next Sunday evening.

Since opposition to the wholesale butchers has commenced, we notice a vast improvement in the quality of meat.

#### Thos. J. Dowel, I

Spanish and book-keeping. Easy terms. Practical methods. Crayon drawing and penmanship. Children's class in Spanish meets at 9 o'clock every morning.

To be patriotic one must smoke, and the best and cheapest place to purchase your tobacco and cigars is at Ashmun & Walker's.

#### Don't Forget

All kinds of tailoring done. Clothes made, cleaned and repaired at the lowest living rates at the tailoring establishment of Chas. Harris, in Bauer's block, on Fourth street.

#### Notice.

There will be a special meeting of the Hebrew Benevolent association on Sunday at 3 p. m. Business of great importance. L. SUMMERFIELD, Secretary.

#### OFF SHOOTS.

Good linen shirts \$1.25 at Meyers.

\$6 pants for \$4 at J. Meyers & Bro.

Overalls 75 cents per pair at Meyers.

Flannel underwear for cost at Meyers.

Tea Kettle whisky at Rafferty's saloon.

Shoes for your own price at J. Meyers & Bro.

For genuine Tea Kettle whisky go to Capt. Radert's.

A soft leather trunk given away with every purchase at J. Meyers & Bro.

All goods below cost at J. Meyers & Bro. Allen and Fifth streets.

Full stock tall boots for \$4 at J. Meyers & Bro.

Fresh eggs always on hand at the Cash Store of WALCOTT & MERRICK.

Arnold's Wood Yard, Corner Eighth and Safford Streets.

Dry cord and stove wood at lowest rates.

Leave orders with Arnold's express wagon.